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From: "sondra [redacted]" <[redacted]>
To: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2005 11:23 AM
Subject: waveland-santa

Jack, this is the 2nd email. use this one. the other had 2 mistakes. thanks, Sondra

Dear Santa,

Our home in Waveland was at [redacted] Favre St.

We are now living at [redacted] Papworth Ave. Metairie, LA 70005. Our home phone number is [redacted]

Our family consists of a papa, Al [redacted], a momma, Sondra [redacted] and a son, Christopher [redacted], age 6.

For Hurricane Katrina we fled to Natchez, Mississippi. When we realized our home on the Coast and our home in New Orleans were both destroyed, we went to stay with family in DeQuincy, Louisiana. Two weeks later we once again had to flee a hurricane, Hurricane Rita. We went to McComb, Mississippi where we called upon fellow Coast residents, George and Kay [redacted] from Bay St. Louis, to take us in, which they did with open and loving arms even though they were already providing housing for a another family from Bay St. Louis. We then made our way to Metairie, Louisiana where we will be residing for a spell.

My letter to Santa:

Santa, our family is blessed and fortunate to have other resources and don't have any specific needs, but Santa, if you can, this is what we would like for Christmas: Santa, please see that the main office of FEMA, Capitol Hill, and the White House (including OEB) loses all utilities for 24 hours (while the employees are locked inside with no where to go, nothing to do, and no help from anyone). Mind you, it won't be the same as what happened on the Coast during Katrina, especially since there won't be any flood water and the temperatures aren't so extreme right now, but it might make the powers that be a little more empathetic to our situation. I wonder what they will do with all their bodily waste when they finally realize that the flushers don't flush anymore. It might make them more creative and flexible.

Please see that only MREs and bottled water are served in the Senate and House cafeterias for a week. They really aren't that bad, but again, it might help our elected officials get some perspective. Make sure their hot beverages are served cold, and cold beverages are served hot, to make the experience more authentic.

Please see that the powers that be get a copy of the retrospective photographic essay taken by a photographer recording the devastation to the Mississippi Gulf Coast after Hurricane Camille in 1969, pictures of what came back and was enjoyed by many for the next 36 years, and pictures of what was destroyed recently by Hurricane Katrina. Perspective is a beautiful thing!

Santa, please let everyone know that Gulf Coast residents have a strength of spirit and a sense of community that know no boundaries; that tragedies bring out the best and worst in all of us; and, while we may not get the press that New Orleans has, miracles happen everyday, and we are thankful for all

our blessings.

Merry Christmas,
Al, Sondra and Christopher [redacted]

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